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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY LISBON  
AMEMBASSY MADRID  
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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR PDIP EG  
SUBJECT: SHAZLI TRAVELS

REF: CAIRO 15385 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. FORMER EGYPTIAN COS AND AMBASSADOR TO LISBON  
SHAZLI MAY TRAVEL TO ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES. WHILE HIS  
DEFECTION FROM SADAT DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE HAD MUCH  
IMPACT HERE, WE INTERESTED IN TRACKING HIM FOR TIME  
BEING. END SUMMARY.

1. AKHBAR JUNE 29 REPORTS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL  
AND FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF SAAD AL-DIN SHAZLI LEFT LISBON  
FOR MADRID JUNE 28 AND WAS SEEN OFF BY AMBASSADORS FROM  
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IRAQ, LIBYA, AND SYRIA. SHAZLI REPORTEDLY SAID HE FEARED  
FOR HIS SAFETY AND WOULD NOT STAY THERE. AKHBAR STORY  
COMMENTS THAT SHAZLI, WHO "DENIED HIS COUNTRY AND LAND,"  
GIVING HIMSELF FALSE IMPORTANCE BY CLAIMING FEAR OF  
PHYSICAL HARM.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, OUTSPOKEN SHAZLI WAS CHIEF OF

STAFF DURING OCTOBER 1973 WAR. SADAT, IN RECENT AUTO-BIOGRAPHY, BLAMED THE GENERAL FOR HIS FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE AND REACT QUICKLY ENOUGH TO ISRAELI BRIDGEHEAD WEST OF CANAL AND SHAZLI WAS FORCIBLY RETIRED AFTER OCTOBER WAR. HE WAS THEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO UK IN JANUARY 1974. WHILE THERE HE PUBLICLY CRITICIZED SADAT'S POLICY AND RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL REPRIMAND. HE WAS MADE AMBASSADOR TO LISBON IN JUNE 1975 WHERE EARLIER THIS MONTH HE STRONGLY AND PUBLICLY DENOUNCED SADAT'S INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICIES. GOE THEN SUSPENDED HIM AS AMBASSADOR AND ORDERED HIM TO RETURN HOME, WHICH SHAZLI REFUSED TO DO.

3. COMMENT. SHAZLI REPORTEDLY INDICATED DAMASCUS WOULD BE ONE OF HIS STOPS, AND HE MIGHT ALSO TRAVEL TO ALGIERS, BAGHDAD, AND TRIPOLI. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, SHAZLI'S DEFECTION HAS HAD LITTLE IMPACT HERE. PRESS HAS PROBABLY BEEN WISE TO HIGHLIGHT HIS PROFESSED LINKS TO LIBYA AND IF HE GOES THERE OR TO OTHER "REJECTIONIST" CAPITALS HE WILL FURTHER UNDERMINE HIS STANDING WITH MOST EGYPTIANS. EILTS

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